

### [Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grant and Resource Directory \(PDF\)](#)

Government funding comes in many different forms. Below discusses several of the more common forms.

- Individual benefits: Individual benefits are often called “entitlements,” and include Social Security benefits.
- Appropriations: Often referred to as “earmarks,” appropriations are usually large projects that are sponsored by Congress.
- Grants: As the amount of money going to appropriations has decreased, more money has been funneled into grants.
- Procurement: Whether you are a small business or a large company, there are often government purchases that you can bid on.

### Grant Basics

- **Need and Plan:** Determine your need and formulate a plan for implementation.
- **Find opportunity:** Search or browse the federal, state, and private catalogs for potential grant opportunities.
- **Contact grant technician:** Once you have identified potential funding sources, it is often recommended to contact a grant technician for more information.
- **Check regularly** : Check the sites weekly for new grant postings.
- **Write proposal** : Learn how to write grant proposals. (see below for grant writing resources)

### Grant Writing Resources

- CFDA’s Developing and Writing Grant Proposals: <http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.GR>
- Foundation Center’s Proposal Writing Short Course: <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials>

### How Congressman Sestak can be of Further Assistance

- Match up local groups working toward the same goals
- Direct the applicant to grant writing aid sources
- Review grant applications
- Write letters of support
- Follow-up with grant sources on the status of the grant

### Resources from Congressman Sestak

- [Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District American Recovery and Reinvestment Act \(ARRA\) Resource Directory](#)
- [Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grant and Resource Directory \(PDF\)](#)
- Federal Appropriations Request Form
- 2009 (FY10) Defense project requests
- 2009 (FY10) Non-defense project requests
- 2010 (FY11) Program funding requests {not yet available}
- [Surface Transportation High-Priority Projects](#)
- [Appropriations Requests FY 2010](#)

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### Federal Contacts

- Grants.gov ([www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)) - A Federal Grants web site that allows organizations to electronically submit grant applications
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>) - The Catalog (CFDA) lists all federal programs and their descriptions
- Federal Funds Express ([http://www.house.gov/ffr/resources\\_all.shtml](http://www.house.gov/ffr/resources_all.shtml)) - This website lists recommended federal funding sources

- USA.gov Government-to-Government ([http://www.usa.gov/Government/State\\_Local.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Government/State_Local.shtml)) - Thousands of grants
- USA.gov for Nonprofits and Businesses ([http://www.usa.gov/Business/Business\\_Gateway.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Business/Business_Gateway.shtml)) - Links to Federal

### Local/Non-Government Resources

- The Foundation Center (<http://www.foundationcenter.org/>) - A gateway to information about private
- Regional Foundation Center (<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/rfc/>) - Informs the local nonprofit sector through
- Library of Philadelphia, Parkway Central, 1901 Vine Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am - 5 pm
- First Saturday of each month, 1pm- 5 pm
- Programs: Orientations may be scheduled for your group of three or more persons; appointments a
- Delaware Valley Grantmakers (<http://www.dvg.org/>) - Regional resource for networking, news and inform
- National Association of Grantmakers (<http://www.naco.org/>) - The Association's website contains a grant clearing
- Grant Resources by State (Grantsmanship Center) (<http://www.tgci.com/funding/state.asp?statena>
- Community Foundation (<http://www.cof.org/funding/Results.cfm?state=PA>) - Community fou
- Council on Foundations (<http://www.cof.org/>) - Provides links to grantmakers websites.
- Grants for Nonprofits (<http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/2sgalpha.htm>)
- Philanthropic Studies Library - Subject Links: (<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/special/psl/index.html>)
- GuideStar ( [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) ) - Offers a searchable database of over 700,000 U.S.

- Nonprofit Gateway ( [www.nonprofit.gov](http://www.nonprofit.gov) ) - Provides links to Federal government information and resources
- Philanthropy News Network([www.pnnonline.org](http://www.pnnonline.org) ) - Information for the nonprofit sector, also provides funding opportunities
- SchoolGrants ( <http://www.schoolgrants.org> ) - A site for PreK-12 school grant opportunities
- Women's Funding Network(<http://www.wfnet.org/> ) - The Women's Funding Network is 135 organizations across the United States